GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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TENDER FOR TB KITS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tender for T.B. Kits was quoted lowest by a multinational company in comparison to other domestic companies;

(b) whether the multinational company has been able to quote lower price as a result of lower price purchase of Pyrazinamide based on under-invoiced 2-Cynopyrazinamide from Japan;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the international prices of 2-Cynopyrazine in Japan and Korea vis-â€¦-vis price invoice to India;

(d) whether the Government propose to check such unfair trade practices of multinational companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)to(f): Purchase of TB Drugs including combi-pack was done onthe basis of international competitive bidding in which both domestic and multi-national companies can participate subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria. As per the tender floated, bids had been classified under three Groups based on certain criteria listed at (a),(b) and (c) at Annexe.I. No tenders were received in the Group C category. The evaluation of the tenders was done on various technical and commercial parameters stipulated for this purpose and the contract was awarded to the lowest responsive bidder. Details of bidders on whom orders were placed for the year 1999-2000 is given at Annex. -II.

ANNEXURE-1

Group A : Bid offering Goods manufactured in the Purchaser`s country, for which
(i) labour raw materials and components from within the Purchaser`s country account for more than thirty (30) per cent of the ex-works price; and

(ii) the production facility in which they will be manufactured or assembled has been engaged in manufacturing or assembling such Goods at least since the date of bid submission.

Group B : All other bids offering Goods from within the country of the Purchaser.

Group C : Bids offering Goods of foreign origin to be imported by the Purchaser directly or through th`e successful Bidder`s local agent.

ANNEXURE-II

Details of the firms on which orders have been placed for TB Kits

Sl.No.	Product	Name of the firm
1.	Treatment box for Cat. I patient	M/s Micron Pharmaceuticals
2.	Treatment box for Cat.II Patient	M/s Lupin Laboratories Ltd.

3.	Treatment box for Cat.111 Patient	M/s Novartis India Ltd.
4.	Treatment box for Prolon gation of intensive Phase of Cat. I & Cat. II	M/s Lupin Laboratories Ltd.
5.	Streptomycin vials in loose Packs	M/s Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.
6.	Blister Strip Pack of 10 Rifampicin Capsules	M/s Lyka Labs Ltd.
7.	Blister Strip Pack of 10 INH tablets	M/s Nestor Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
8.	Blister Strip Pack of 10 Pyrazinamide tablets	M/s Lupin Laboratories Ltd.
9.	7 Blister Combi-packs in one pouch	M/s Micron Pharmaceuticals
10.	Blister Strip Pack or Foil pack of 10 Ethambutol tablets	M/s Nestor Pharmaceuticals Ltd. M/s Pure Pharma Ltd.
11.	Blister Strip Pack of 10 Isoniazid tablets	M/s Ambuja Laboratories Ltd.
12.	Blister Strip Pack of 10 Rifampicin capsules	M/s Lyka Labs Ltd.